

Roseburg District Resource Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes of Monday, **June 24, 2002**

Roseburg District Office

777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, Oregon

Committee Members Present:

Bob Kinyon - Environmental Org., Chair
Donald Ollivant - Environmental Org.
Shirley Cairns - Public at Large
Leonard Schussel - Teacher
Ronald Breynne - School Official
Mike Estes - Developed Recreation
Gary Schroeder - Commercial Timber Industry, Vice Chair
William Burnett - School Official
Judith Bacon - Elected Official
Janice Green - Dispersed Recreation
Jeannie Weakley - Organized Labor
David Lorenz

Alternates Present:

N/A

Committee Members Absent:

Maryjane Snocker - Environmental Org.
Mike Piehl - Commercial Recreation
Tom Van Epps - Energy & Mineral Dvlpmnt.
Clem Dewart - Historical Interests

Alternates Absent:

Terry Westfall
David Elder
Sam Huff
John Hope

Public Introductions: N/A

Others Present:

Jake Winn - Project Manager
Cary Osterhaus - District Manager, DFO
Elaine Twigg Cornett
Zane Cornett
Joe Ross – BLM
Darrel Green - BLM

Randy Lopez - BLM
Anne Boeder - BLM
Jay Carlson - BLM
Nancy Duncan – BLM
Dan Couch – BLM

WELCOME:

Chairman, Bob Kinyon, called the RAC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was met.

INITIAL LOOK AT RAC MEMBER PRIORITIES:

Twigg Cornett read the objectives of the group, with each member reading a line from the RAC guidelines.

Introduction of Dave Lorenz (1st Alternate for Category 2) taking the place of Clem Dewart who resigned effective June 23, 2002. They now have a quorum of the group.

Cornett passed out a listing of the top 7 projects from the members' lists, reminding everyone that this information is for guidance on decision-making.

PRESENTATIONS:

WILDLIFE SAFARI SCIENCE ZONE – Lenny Schussel and John Flores, Development Director for Wildlife Safari, presented an overview. Their website is www.yourclassroom.com.

RIPARIAN VEGETATION STUDY – BLM employee, Steve Kropp, presented his thesis proposal.

NATIVE SEED COLLECTION - Doug Kendig from Medford, Acting as Roseburg District Botanist, gave a presentation and answered questions.

WEED-FREE GRAVEL CERTIFICATION – cancelled.

NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS – Eathan Nelson showed a video and gave an overview.

RIPARIAN RESERVE AND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM - Scott Robins with the USDA explained continued funding needed for CREP Technician. Handouts explaining the program were available.

Chair said the review of minutes would be brought up later.

11:30 a.m. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

FIELD TRIP ITINERARY:

Winn gave a choice of 2 Field Trip options for July 8th:

- Members chose Option 1 (Myrtle and Cavitt Creek Watersheds) by show of hands. Count of 8.
- Group will depart at 8am from the Roseburg District Office.
- Travel time will be from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, with a 9:00 am Meeting on-the-ground.
- For those that prefer not to come into the office, they can meet up at 8:30 am at the Myrtle Creek Hotel.
- Reminder to take hardhats.
- Transportation will be provided for RAC members and BLM employees. Since it is a public meeting, the public may attend but will not be provided transportation.

The Revised Member Priority List was handed out.

Lunch break at 12:00.

Reconvene at 1:00 pm.

Chair stated that the minutes were approved with no corrections.

Cornett said there was still a quorum. Cairns will be in late.

DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF PROJECTS:

Schroeder "motion to approve all projects down through 'North Umpqua Trail' at \$2,009,000 and in that priority." Estes "seconded".

Snocker arrived at 1:05 pm.

Discussion:

- Schussel requested to go deeper into the list to back up ones that may be passed over. Would like to add 200k.
- Green was concerned that more information (presentations), & discussion on projects was needed.
- Ollivant pointed out that these 17 projects were the choice of the members. Buffer by looking at remaining ones.

Green "objection to motion". Approve 17 projects in order of last sheet. Green "friendly amendment: all would get a chance for a new ranking to include Riparian Reserve Enhancement as 18th project". Top 17 projects were blocked by consensus.

Green "motion as amended: 17 projects from list plus Riparian Vegetation Study. \$2,019,000" Schroeder "accepts amendment". Chair asked for objections to amended motion? None. **Approved.** Committee needs to choose \$250 – 300,000 more on projects, from Elk Creek down (with exception of Riparian Vegetation Study).

Ollivant asked for information on Lee's Creek project? Osterhaus will look at 4th culvert and if it is definitely necessary.

Weakley "motion to approve Millpond Pavilion". Maybe not full amount. **Estes "seconded".**

Discussion:

- Schussel said it was a good proposal, but price tag excessive - \$277,000. Snocker asked for more information and details for justification of vote. **Schussel "request tabling of motion on floor".**
- Breyne asked about Elk Cr and was informed it is in imminent danger of collapse within 5 years.

Green "motion to have Open Discussion about projects". Schussel "seconded". No objections.

3-Minute Open Discussion (outside decision-making process) approved by Consensus:

- Ollivant questioned if culverts were impeding juvenile or adult fish passage?
- Bacon requested a speaker concerning Millpond expenses? Gregg Morgan explained that the \$277,000 covers: dismantling, shoring up of fireplace, construction, & taking into consideration that the location is within the floodplain. He said that other matching funds were available if Title II was to give lesser amount.
- Schussel proposes to add CREP funds. Get good return on genetic outplanting site treatment.
- Schroeder suggests \$100,000 towards Elk Cr.

Suggestions include:

- genetic outplanting - \$11K
- Millpond Pavilion - \$277K
- Riparian & Resources Enhancement - \$10K
- Elk Cr - \$137K

Schussel "proposes end of Open Discussion". Chair said they will return to Decision-Making mode.

Chair asked for any motions for proposals:

Weakley "withdraw motion until additional information from Morgan".

Schroeder "motion that surplus dollars would go to: 1st Elk Cr - \$137k, 2nd Riparian Resource Enhancement - \$22K, 3rd Millpond - \$125K plus extra \$. Total \$284K". Estes "seconded".

Discussion:

- Carlson stated that direct Pipeline funds for recreation depend on timber revenues, that diminish overtime, but they could match Title II 50:50.
- Schussel feels Millpond Pavilion overpriced. BLM should justify total cost or find other funds. May approve \$100K.
- Osterhaus presented clarification on the price of the Millpond project including: 1) public-use facility is very expensive to build, 2) meeting stringent federal regulations, and 3) high liability costs.

Chair asked for motion. No objection. **"Approved."**

Schussel "motion to cancel all remaining meetings after July 8th, 2002". Weakley "seconded".

Objections. No. **"Approved."**

Discussion:

- Osterhaus said a meeting could be planned at a later date if necessary.
 - he asked for discussion on: 1) how did this cycle work compared to last one? 2) minor things that made this cycle clear to you? 3) what additional information do you need? 4) what kind of projects would you like to see?
 - he reported that last year's projects are proceeding; bids are out and thanked everyone for their work so far.
 - need to request for alternate position. Application will go out since Lorenze came in as replacement. He said alternates cannot participate in the meeting, but he will revisit the issue.
 - mid-yr (January - February) Winn will provide update on projects.
 - members can request feedback (questions, projects to see in action, financial obligations) from Osterhaus, through Chair.
 - reminder that members need to choose facilitators to guide us through the process.
- Schussel requested an experimental fire scenario. A project that provides insight for the thinning and fire process.
- Schroeder said that it would be helpful to get books beforehand, and then submit who we want to hear, and then prioritize projects.
- Cornett answered Burnett's concern about a long list of projects, saying that Cary and Chair can decide the sorting process. Twigg Cornett's concern is to be clear as to what process is up front. Bacon suggested that if members can receive the book ahead of time they can contact Chair.
- Cairns stated that BLM priorities and presentations help give members a better perspective.

Chair brought up issues to cover:

1) continue with facilitator? and 2) Chair's term is up in February. Consider election again?

Meet in April/May for scheduling/processing.

Scenario: (not actual dates)

- > June 1st – application deadline
- > June 10 thru 13 – meet & distribute notebooks
- > June 23 – priorities to Chair
- > July 7 – presentations/elect Chair (Osterhaus said he is not comfortable choosing presentations for group.)
- > July 9 – prioritization
- > July 13 – decisions

Cornett stated: you elect officers annually, i.e., at 1st meeting next year. At that time, Chair will call meeting to order and the 1st item on the agenda would be electing officers.

"Consensus to mail books out early".

It was suggested to have facilitators give a presentation of the technical aspect of how these models work and how they come out with decisions.

Breyne "motion to make 1/2 day meeting in March/April 2003. Get dates out to members. Choose best one". Schroeder "seconded". Chair – no objections. Approved.

Chair asked the Committee if they would like to continue to have a facilitator at each meeting?

Discussion:

- Estes felt it would be helpful. Schroeder said facilitators keep Committee in line with Roberts Rules of Order. Schussel appreciates their background in Natural Resources. Cornett said that they are contracted through the end of this cycle. Osterhaus said Committee can renew, or a new contract could be sent out.

Cairns "motion to continue using facilitators". Estes "seconded". Approved by consensus.

SUMMARIZE/DEBRIEF:

Cornett encourages members to trust yourselves in decision-making process and diversity at table, regardless of process or model. And used the example that 20 projects were approved today. Twigg Cornett reminded everyone that decisions decided today were by consensus.

Chair adjourned at 3:45 p.m. for year.

Lynn Koens